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## **4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MAYOR'S BIKE RIDE ON SATURDAY: FUN FOR ALL AGES TO ENJOY!**

*THIS YEAR'S ROUTE WILL HIGHLIGHT GARFIELD PARK AND NEW BIKE LANES ON THE NEAR SOUTHSIDE*

INDIANAPOLIS – Mayor Greg Ballard invites residents to join him and the Office of Sustainability for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayor's Bike Ride presented by Central Indiana Community Foundation. The ride will start at Garfield Park's Arts Center, head south on Shelby Street, turn east on Epler Avenue, and head back to Garfield Park via Carson Avenue. Participants may choose between a nine-mile loop and a shorter, family-friendly one-mile loop.

"The City is working to educate and encourage a community that is healthier and more sustainable, and together we are transforming commuting in Indianapolis," said Mayor Ballard. "With the continued outreach being done by the city, including bike lane safety open houses and organized bike rides, residents are exploring our on-street bike lanes and receiving a valuable education for motorists and cyclists on the importance of bicycle safety."

As the bike ride begins and concludes at Garfield Park, participants will have a chance to enjoy the park's amenities. The Garfield Park Conservatory will offer free admission to all registered bike ride participants. Bike safety information, children's bike helmets, door prizes, and snacks from Piazza Produce – a recent recipient of the Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle Sustainability Award -- will be available for all registered participants. The ride is free, but all participants must register prior to the ride. To register online, please visit [www.indy.gov/MayorsBikeRide](http://www.indy.gov/MayorsBikeRide).

Indianapolis now has a total of 64 miles of on-street bike lanes, 61 miles of greenways and nine miles of the Indianapolis Cultural Trail: A Legacy of Gene and Marilyn Glick — totaling 134 miles of bikeways connecting our city. For more information on the city's bike plan, visit [www.indy.gov/bikeways](http://www.indy.gov/bikeways).

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